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Representatives Austin of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Brownell of Pownal, Buss of Woodstock, Conlon of Cornwall, Hango of Berkshire, McCann of Montpelier, Minier of South Burlington, Sibilia of Dover, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Williams of Granby move that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill as recommended by the Committee on Education with the following proposals of amendment by adding a reader assistance heading and two new sections to be Secs. 10a and 10b to read as follows:

\* \* \* Military-Related Postsecondary Education and Training  
Opportunities \* \* \*

Sec. 10a. 16 V.S.A. § 941 is amended to read:

§ 941. FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

(a) There is created within the Agency a Flexible Pathways Initiative:

(1) to encourage and support the creativity of school districts as they develop and expand high-quality educational experiences that are an integral part of secondary education in the evolving 21st ~~Century~~ century classroom;

(2) to promote opportunities for Vermont students to achieve postsecondary readiness through high-quality educational experiences that acknowledge individual goals, learning styles, and abilities; and

1           (3) to increase the rates of secondary school completion and  
2 postsecondary continuation and retention in Vermont.

3           (b) The Secretary shall develop, publish, and regularly update guidance, in  
4 the form of technical assistance, sharing of best practices and model  
5 documents, legal interpretations, and other support designed to assist school  
6 districts:

7           (1) ~~to~~ To identify and support secondary students who require additional  
8 assistance to succeed in school and to identify ways in which individual  
9 students would benefit from flexible pathways to graduation;

10           (2) ~~to~~ To work with every student in grade ~~7~~ seven through grade 12 in  
11 an ongoing personalized learning planning process that:

12           (A) identifies the student’s emerging abilities, aptitude, and  
13 disposition;

14           (B) includes participation by families and other engaged adults;

15           (C) guides decisions regarding course offerings and other high-  
16 quality educational experiences; ~~and~~

17           (D) identifies career and postsecondary planning options using  
18 resources provided pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection (b); and

19           ~~(D)~~(E) is documented by a personalized learning plan;

20           (3) ~~to~~ To create opportunities for secondary students to pursue flexible  
21 pathways to graduation that:

1 (A) increase aspiration and encourage postsecondary continuation of  
2 training and education;

3 (B) are an integral component of a student’s personalized learning  
4 plan; and

5 (C) include:

6 (i) applied or work-based learning opportunities, including career  
7 and career technical education and internships;

8 (ii) virtual learning and blended learning;

9 (iii) dual enrollment opportunities as set forth in section 944 of  
10 this title;

11 (iv) early college programs as set forth in subsection 4011(e) of  
12 this title;

13 (v) the High School Completion Program as set forth in section  
14 943 of this title; and

15 (vi) the Adult Diploma Program and General Educational  
16 Development Program as set forth in section 945 of this title; and

17 (4) ~~to~~ To provide students, beginning ~~no~~ not later than in grade 7 seven,  
18 with career development and postsecondary planning resources to ensure that  
19 they are able to take full advantage of the opportunities available within the  
20 flexible pathways to graduation and to achieve their career and postsecondary  
21 education and training goals. Resources provided pursuant to this subdivision

1 shall include information regarding the admissions process and requirements  
2 necessary to proceed with any and all military-related opportunities.

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4 Sec. 10b. 16 V.S.A. § 2828 is added to read:

5 § 2828. PLANNING RESOURCES; U.S. ARMED FORCES OPTIONS

6 The Corporation’s print and website financial aid and planning publications  
7 for postsecondary education and training resources shall include Vermont  
8 National Guard and U. S. Armed Forces options relevant to each publication.